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AMMONIA-OXIDIZING BACTERIA )

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir/Madame:

In response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2007, in connection with the above-identified application, please accept this Amendment and Response with a three-month extension, and please consider and enter the following remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims:** reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.